5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1391(b), in a case in which jurisdiction is not solely founded on diversity jurisdiction, such as the present case, venue is proper where the defendant resides or a judicial district where a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred, and venue is proper therefor in the United States District Court, Southern District of NY.

COUNT I (VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C SECTION 1983, MALICIOUS PROSECUTION)

- 6. On or about April 23, 2016, at approximately 1250AM, while plaintiff was lawfully traversing in and around 131<sup>st</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NY, NY, and was drinking a non-alcoholic Sprite drink out of a cup with ice, he was confronted by the above defendants who asked him to "stop right there" although they did not identify themselves as police officers and which individual unascertained as above noted, defendants, were in plainclothes.
- 7. Plaintiff was wrongfully, intentionally, without probable cause and/or without reasonably articulable suspicion, arrested for, inter alia, alleged possession of open container of alcohol in alleged violated of Administrative Code Section 10-125(b).
- 8. The criminal case brought against plaintiff, Docket #2016NY026080, Criminal Court of City of New York, County of New York, 100 Centre Street, NY, NY 10013, was brought willfully, intentionally, without probable cause, maliciously, and was favorably terminated on or about November 29, 2016, Judge Pak, of the Court... The CPL Section 160.50 executed and notarized unsealing authorization is also attached hereto.
- 9. The criminal prosecution of plaintiff, an African-American Male was part of a municipality implemented policy, statement, ordinance, regulation and/or decision to arrest and/or criminally prosecute individuals, including African-American Males, who

allegedly committed alcohol-related violations in public, , which said policy was officially adopted by that body's officers, resulting in constitutional violations herein, and defendant The City of New York expressly and/or impliedly ratified said conduct herein.

- 10. As a result of the aforesaid constitutional violation, the plaintiff was caused to sustain loss of liberty, anxiety, stress and humiliation.
- 11 Defendants violation of 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, was wilful, and deliberate, wrongful, intentional, egregious, oppressive and opprobrious, was calculated to and did result in loss of plaintiff's liberty rights, and defendants are therefor liable for punitive damages.
- 12. As a result of defendants violation of 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, the plaintiff incurred reasonable attorney fees and costs.

## COUNT II (VIOLATION OF 42 US.C. SECTION 1983-FALSE ARREST)

- 13. Plaintiff herewith repeats, restates and realleges Paragraphs 1-12 herein above.
- 14. Defendants' false arrest of plaintiff, an African-American male, for alleged public Alcohol-related offenses was part of a municipality implemented policy, custom, practice, Regulation and/or decision to arrest said individuals for alleged alcohol-related public offenses, And plaintiff sustained the above injuries and damages as a result therefor.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

## AS AND FOR EACH OF THE FIRST AND SECOND COUNTS:

- 1. For damages in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$250,000.00);
- 2. For punitive and exemplary damages in the amount of One Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000.00);
- 3. For reasonable attorney fees;